

POLITICAL ANTAGONISMS.

The National Government has its rights of just supremacy which must be maintained, but maintained under the Constitution, and by means adopted in pursuance of the Constitution. On any other theory we should make ourselves partners to the treason which has arrayed the nation in arms, and we are free to confess that we have no heart for a struggle which should only prove that the North was stronger than the South. The line of partition between loyalty and disloyalty, as we discern it, runs between men who uphold and revere the Constitution and the laws, on the one hand, and men who contempt and disregard the sanctions of both on the other. The armed revolutionist at the South is no less an enemy of the Union than his silder and abettor at the North, who feeds his p'renzy by adding the fuel of a fanatical policy to quicken the flames of civil war to a redder glow and spread them over a wider range. Nor does it become less our duty to resist the counsels of this insensate faction because some of its votaries may be sincere in their madness. We do not doubt that there are sincere believers in the 'right of secession'—men who have so-

HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH UNION PRISONERS IN RICHMOND—Letters should be written on a half-sheet of note or letter paper, and only on one side. They should be sent solely to matters purely domestic. Enclose the letter in an unsealed envelope, and put in five cents for postage. Address it to the person for whom it is intended, giving his company, regiment, and the prison in which he is confined at Richmond, Va. On the left hand corner mark, "Via Flag of truce, care of Brig Gen S. A. Meredith, United States Commissioner for Exchange, Fortress Monroe, Va." Then enclose it in a sealed envelope, addressed to "Brig. Gen. S. A. Meredith, Fortress Monroe."

Political conservatism seeks to find out the line of safe change and to follow it with steadiness and circumspection. Political radicalism, for sometimes being more direct in its approaches and more violent in its processes, is not always so sure in its progress or so beneficial in its workings. Resem-

DEATH OF MRS. PIERCE.
BOSTON, DEC. 2.—Mrs. Jane M. Pierce, wife of Ex-President Pierce, died this morning at Andover, Massachusetts. She had been in feeble health for some years.

tion, artillerists were sent for to work the guns, caissons were searched for ammunition. The rebel log-bra-st-works were torn to pieces and carried to the other side of the Ridge, and used in forming barricades across it. A strong line of infantry was formed in the rear of Baird's

as a medium of communication between the prisoners there confined and their friends who may send them provisions or clothing. The consent of Commissioner Ould has not yet been obtained to this arrangement.